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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

With reference to my memorandum to you of 3 April 1946, concerning the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit, the directives therein are hereby confirmed without modification but in addition you are to carry out the instructions detailed below.

In the interests of economy of funds and personnel, you will integrate the administrative functions of SSU, to the greatest extent consistent with your mission, to the administrative practices and regulations of the Office of the Secretary of War. Prior to 1 July 1946, you will submit detailed suggestions of such changes as can be made to carry out this integration with the War Department. I particularly direct that you bring your personnel, vouchered funds and procurement procedures under the proper War Department administrative officers as far as possible, while still maintaining the autonomy in your own administration necessary to carrying out your mission of servicing CIG directly. Such administrative practices or functions, not consistent with normal War Department regulations, as you or the Director of CIG deem essential to the furtherance of your operations, shall be maintained under your direction. The administrative officers of the War Department shall accept your decision in such matters subject only to review by me.

> HOWARD C. PETERSEN Assistant Secretary of War